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Dear Connecticut Legislators:

I am writing in support of Governor Malloy's proposed Bioscience Innovation Fund. As a research scientist, UConn faculty member, and cofounder of a University spinoff, I am strongly in favor of this initiative. Connecticut has a strong track record of success in targeted initiatives aimed to promote Bioscience, such as the CT Stem Cell Initiative. The Stem Cell Initiative made possible the research conducted at the UConn Health Center which led to the establishment of the new stem cell company, *Chondrogenics, Inc.* Further support is funding efforts by the company to develop its technology as a stem cell treatment for Osteoarthritis. It is important to emphasize that the discovery, prototype development, and preclinical testing that is ongoing within *Chondrogenics* would not be possible without the CT Stem Cell Fund. I fully expect that similar exciting Biotechnology development and progress will come out of the new proposed Bioscience Innovation Fund.

The wide focus of Bioscience Innovation Fund gives it enormous potential for discovery and implementation of multiple technologies to develop and deliver biomedical services and therapies that will benefit the health of Connecticut's residents, and serve to drive the State's economic growth. Moreover, the commitment of the fund to support commercializable efforts at academic institutions in Connecticut, as well as early stage companies and non-profits, will promote creative discovery and collaboration, and help to retain the State's talented workforce pool.

**This new Bioscience Innovation Fund is an exciting step forward for Connecticut. I urge you to support this important initiative!**

Sincerely,

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